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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs held its fifty-eighth session, including the special segment on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016, in Vienna from 9 to 17 March 2015. The Chair of the Commission opened the session. A statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). A statement was also made by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

2. Opening statements, including on issues relating to the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, were also made by the observer for Chile (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the representative of Namibia (on behalf of the Group of African States), the observer for Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States) and the observer for Latvia (on behalf of the European Union).

3. The Commission held a total of [...] plenary meetings, including [...] meetings of the special segment, and [...] meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

B. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission ([...] were not represented). Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, as well as non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for

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intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.7/2015/INF/2.

C. Election of officers

5. In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of UNODC. Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the officers of the Commission hold office until their successors are elected, and are eligible for re-election.

6. In the light of that decision and in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, after the closing of its reconvened fifty-seventh session, on 5 December 2014, opened its fifty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. At that meeting, during the consideration of item 1, the Commission elected the Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Third Vice-Chair. In accordance with Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, a group composed of the chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union assists the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 March 2015, the Commission elected the Rapporteur.

7. The officers of the Commission at its fifty-eighth session were as follows:

Office	*Region*	*Officer*
Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Arthayudh Srisamoot (Thailand)
First Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	(*Vacant*)
Second Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Peter Paul van Wulfften Palthe (Netherlands)
Third Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Antonio Roberto Castellanos López (Guatemala)
Rapporteur	African States	Mohamed Abdelhak Cherbal (Algeria)

8. A group composed of the chairs of the five regional groups (the representatives of Italy and Nigeria and the observers for Albania, Jordan and Panama), the observer for Chile (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the observer for Latvia (on behalf of the European Union) was established to assist the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. During the

fifty-eighth session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on [...] March and [...] March 2015 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

9. At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted decision 57/2, entitled "Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016". In that decision, the Commission decided that, in order to ensure continuity with respect to its work preparing for the special session of the General Assembly, it would elect a Board tasked with the preparations for the special session based on the regional distribution of officers of the Bureau of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. The Board would participate in the meetings of the extended Bureaux of the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission and would assist the Commission and the Chairs of the respective sessions in fulfilling their mandate in accordance with Commission resolution 57/5.

10. The Commission also decided that the Board would be in charge of organizing all actions to be taken by the Commission in preparation for the special session and would address all organizational and substantive matters, in an open-ended manner, in preparation for and during the special segments of Commission sessions devoted to the preparations for the special session, and that it would facilitate the participation of all States Members and observers of the United Nations, along with organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, the scientific community and civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in its preparations for the special session, in full compliance with Commission resolution 57/5 and General Assembly resolution 69/200.

11. When the Commission opened its fifty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau at the end of its reconvened fifty-seventh session, on 5 December 2014, it also elected the Chair of the Board tasked by the Commission with the preparations for the special session. The other offices of the Board remained vacant. At the 2nd meeting of the Commission, on 9 March 2015, during the consideration of item 1, the Commission elected the First Vice-Chairs, the Second Vice-Chair, the Third Vice-Chair and the Fourth Vice-Chairs of the Board.

12. The officers of the Board are as follows:

Office	*Region*	*Officer*
Chair	African States	Khaled Abdelrahman Shamaa (Egypt)
First Vice-Chairs	Asia-Pacific States	Reza Najafi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Ayoob Erfani (Afghanistan) (*for equal terms*)
Second Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Károly Dán (Hungary)

Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Pedro Luís Moitinho de Almeida (Portugal)
Fourth Vice-Chairs	Latin American and Caribbean States	Jaime Alberto Cabal Sanclemente (Colombia) and Carmen María Gallardo Hernandez (El Salvador) (*for equal terms*)

D. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 March 2015, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work, as orally amended (E/CN.7/2015/1), which had been finalized at its intersessional meetings, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2014/234. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Operational segment

3. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:

   (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;

   (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:

      (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

      (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions;

   (c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters.

Normative segment

4. Round-table discussions: implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem:[1]

   (a) Demand reduction and related measures;

   (b) Supply reduction and related measures;

   (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.

[1] The substance of agenda item 4 was subsumed under item 8, on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016.

5. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:[2]

   (a) Demand reduction and related measures;

   (b) Supply reduction and related measures;

   (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.

6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

   (a) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations;

   (b) Changes in the scope of control of substances;

   (c) International Narcotics Control Board;

   (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion;

   (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

Special segment

8. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016.[3]

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9. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission.

10. Other business.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session.

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[2] The substance of agenda item 5 was subsumed under item 8, on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016.

[3] The agenda and programme of work for the special segment were further defined during the intersessional period of the Commission and are contained in document E/CN.7/2015/13.